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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A compound represented by a formula [1]:

wherein R¹ and R² respectively represent a light or heavy hydrogen atom, R³ represents a light or heavy hydrogen atom or a methyl group in which three hydrogen atoms are respectively light or heavy hydrogen atoms, and R⁴ is a norbornyl group provided that four or more hydrogen atoms in the norbornyl group are heavy hydrogen atoms.

- 2. (original): The compound of claim 1, wherein five or more hydrogen atoms in the norbornyl group represented by R^4 are heavy hydrogen atoms.
- 3. (original): The compound of claim 1, wherein six or more hydrogen atoms in the norbornyl group represented by R^4 are heavy hydrogen atoms.

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4. (currently amended): A process for producing a compound represented by a formula [1]:

wherein R¹ and R² respectively represent a light or heavy hydrogen atom, R³ represents a light or heavy hydrogen atom or a methyl group in which three hydrogen atoms are respectively light or heavy hydrogen atoms, and R⁴ is a norbornyl group provided that four or more hydrogen atoms in the norbornyl group are heavy hydrogen atoms,

comprising reacting a norborneol containing four or more heavy hydrogen atoms in its norbornyl group with a compound represented by a formula [2]

$$\begin{array}{c}
R^{1} \\
C = C \\
R^{2}
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
C = X \\
0
\end{array}$$

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C = X \\
0
\end{array}$$

wherein R¹ and R² respectively represent a light or heavy hydrogen atom, R³ represents a light or heavy hydrogen atom or a methyl group in which three hydrogen atoms are respectively light or heavy hydrogen atoms, and X represents a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group or an alkoxy group.

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- 5. (currently amended): A polymer produced by polymerization of a composition comprising the compound any one of claims 1 to 3.
- 6. (original): The polymer of claim 5, wherein 50 % or more hydrogen atoms are heavy hydrogen atoms.
- 7. (currently amended): An optical member comprising a region formed of a polymer of claim 5 or6.
- 8. The optical member of claim 7, which gives an absorbance at 910 nm being 70 % or smaller percentage of that given by a polymer having a same structure except that all hydrogen atoms are light hydrogen atoms.